

BIG CROWD EXPECTED
AT WOOD CHOPPING

Between 500 and 600 Persons
Will Help Save Coal by
Felling Trees.

FARMERS TO HELP
Meeting Will Be Held To-
night to Make Final
Arrangements.

At least 600 persons are expected to attend the wood chopping bee on the C. B. Miller farm, one and a half miles east of Columbia on the Ashland gravel, which is being promoted by the State Wood Fuel Organization in an effort to have wood used in place of coal. A meeting will be held by the heads of the various committees in the Commercial Club rooms at 7:30 o'clock tonight to make final arrangements for the bee.

Sixty-five farmers have assured D. W. R. Kurtz, Jr., in charge of organization, that they will be on hand with their wood chopping implements. In addition to the corporals he has already appointed he announced today that Professors L. M. DeFee and G. H. Sabine would have charge of a University faculty squad.

Trucks to Haul Cutters.

Dr. J. B. Cole has been placed in charge of transportation instead of E. Sydney Stephens, who was called out of town. Doctor Cole has made a change in the plan for getting out to the farm. Instead of meeting at the Commercial Club rooms to be conveyed to the farm, he suggests that men start walking out to the farm. From Broadway the cars will go out Ninth street to University avenue, out University to College avenue, out College avenue to the Ashland gravel. All pedestrians are urged to hail all cars going to the farm and automobile owners are asked to carry out all who desire. Doctor Cole has asked a number of automobile owners for the use of their cars and urges all that have not been asked to call him. Several motor trucks belonging to Columbia merchants will be in service.

The merchants decided not to close for the affair, because several were busy with invoicing and could not spare the men. Most of them agreed to let off all who wanted to participate at the bee. Several merchants who could not leave their business have hired experienced wood choppers to take their places.

Take an Ax With You.

David H. Harris, when informed of the plan and requested to adjourn Circuit Court to allow the lawyers to participate, said that it all depended on the docket. He said he would make his decision tonight or tomorrow morning.

H. S. Jacks, who has charge of the supplies, urges that every man bring an ax or a saw with him. "Borrow an ax from your neighbor if you haven't one yourself, because it is almost impossible for the committee to get these implements," he said.

Prof. Frederick Dunlap of the forestry department of the College of Agriculture will have twenty students from his division at the bee. President Hill issued a statement this afternoon asking students and instructors to finish up their registration work as early tomorrow as possible and help at the wood chopping. Several corporals have been appointed among the University students.

"Put on your overalls, get an ax and join in the latest sport," O. E. McConnell, president of the Agricultural Club, has asked the students in the College of Agriculture. He said that the work would be done in relays and even those who had not axes could chop while others were resting.

Wood to Columbia Charity.
Because this is the between semester period, an order to call out the University Cadet Corps cannot be made. However, Colonel C. D. Stevenson has asked for volunteers to help at the bee. He urges the cadets not to wear their uniforms and not to be particular about their step, but to mind their swing.

It was decided this afternoon to turn the wood and the money derived from the sale over to the Columbia Charity Organization Society. C. B. Miller is donating all of the wood.

Fires will be built before the bee starts so that none need fear of getting cold.

J. O. Walz, president of the Engineers, issued a call this morning to all students in his department, urging them to meet at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to take part in the wood chopping bee. Freshmen as well as upperclassmen are included and all who expect to take part in the work are asked to come provided with the necessary tools. The students in this department will meet at Miller's farm on Ashland gravel.

Arm Broken by a Fall.

Mrs. J. M. Sherman of 411 Melbourne street fell in front of Hetzler's Meat Market this morning. Her left arm was broken. She was taken to the office of Dr. James M. Gordon, where the broken bone was set. She is a sister of C. A. Raum, manager of the Western Union office.

THE CALENDAR

Jan. 28-29—Registration for semester at the University.
Jan. 29—Opening convocation of second semester at the University.
Jan. 29—The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. post-examination for all University students, Y. M. C. A. Building, 8 p. m.
Jan. 29—Dean Isidor Loeb speaks on "Missouri's Need for a New Constitution" before the Columbia Civic League, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Feb. 1—Recital at Christian College Auditorium 8:35 p. m., by Miss Marcia von Wilhem-Bailey, pianist; Mrs. Margaret Roberts Green, soprano.
Feb. 6—Final debate tryout, 7:30 Wednesday night, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

An Excellent Movement.

The move to encourage the use of wood for fuel in war time is an excellent one, and I am glad the first expression of an organized effort in this direction will be made in Columbia at the wood chopping bee Tuesday afternoon. If I have sufficiently recovered from my cold by that time I shall be there and participate, and I hope that a large number of the faculty and students of the University will take part. As registration will be practically completed by noon on Tuesday, the time is very favorable for University people.

PRESIDENT A. ROSS HILL.

CHILDREN LEAD IN SAVING
Pennies of Two Others Go to Aid the Government.

In Boone County children are taking the lead in the War Savings campaign. Children's savings banks are yielding up their treasures of pennies, nickels and dimes to help the Government carry on the war.

Following the lead of little Allene Jones, 6 years old, who purchased war stamps with her 800 pennies, Goldie Frances Gilmore, 7 years old, and her brother Woodrow Wilson, 4, have invested their pennies. Woodrow Wilson bought seven thrift stamps with his 175 pennies this morning at the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company office. Goldie exchanged her \$4 worth of pennies, nickels and dimes for a \$5 stamp, the company paying the extra twelve cents required in the transaction. Goldie and Woodrow Wilson are the children of Roy E. Gilmore, an employee of the shoe factory.

Three hundred and fifty school children of Sturgeon attended a War Savings meeting held there Saturday afternoon. J. P. McBaine, campaign chairman for Boone County, spoke on War Savings. War talks were made also by N. T. Gentry and W. C. Gibbs. M. V. Long, superintendent of the Sturgeon schools, has put in a supply of the stamps and purchases by the children are encouraged.

The two banks of Sturgeon have joined in the plan of taking their share of the \$128,000, which is 20 percent of the entire quota of \$640,000 of the county. In doing this, the two banks pledge themselves to sell between them \$7,000 worth of the stamps. Up to this time only the banks and postoffice have been selling war stamps in Sturgeon, and Mr. McBaine is eager to get other sales stations established there. He expects the stores to put in supplies of stamps for the convenience of their customers.

War Savings essay contests are being held in the Hallsville school. Miss Georgia Robinson, superintendent, has arranged for prizes to be given to the children writing the best essays on thrift subjects.

JANUARY COURT TERM OPENS

Negro Sentenced to Two Years and Then Paroled.

Eugene Washington, a negro, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for carrying concealed weapons at the opening session of the January term of Circuit Court today. Application for parole was made by Henry D. Murry, and was granted by Judge Harris. Washington was paroled for two years, providing he keeps his position as a driver and miner for the Switzer Coal Mine and gives one fourth of his weekly salary as payment of the costs of the case. He has a wife and two children.

Sidna Poage Dalton, a student in the School of Law of the University, presented a certificate showing he had passed the state bar examination and was enrolled as a member of the bar.

Most of the cases that came before the court were continued till the next term of court. In the case against Glen Miller the defendant gave bond of \$200, with J. W. Penn as surety. John Robinson, who was convicted and sentenced with a \$300 fine in the October term for keeping and storing whisky was paroled in the afternoon session of court on payment of costs. He has a wife and six children dependent on him for support.

Thomas Wyatt, who was convicted and fined \$100 in the October term for felonious assault, was paroled by Judge David H. Harris upon payment of part of the costs, the remainder to be paid by the next term of court. Wyatt is the father of twelve children, ten of whom are living, and owns a small farm and sawmill near Rocheport.

NINE SLACKER CASES
REPORTED IN BOONE

Council of Defense Has
Names of Persons Accused
of Withholding Aid.

TO BE ADMONISHED
Letters Will Be Sent to Citizens
Who Are Tender
With Their Dollars.

Nine replies have been received by the Boone County Council of Defense to the forms sent out requesting information about "financial slackers" who have not contributed, or have contributed little in proportion to their means, to war relief funds and Government bond issues. A whole school district has been charged by one informant with not supporting the Government. A committee will be appointed to deal with these cases.

Persons who are reported as not giving financial assistance to the Government, although they are able, will be given an opportunity to subscribe for War Savings Certificates, join the Red Cross and in other ways to help the Government. Letters will be sent to them telling them that they have been reported to the council. Members of the council think that in many cases this will be sufficient.

The names of the informants in the nine cases were not announced today, the plan of the council being to keep all such information confidential. In case the reported slackers do not contribute their neighbors will be informed.

GEN. WOOD WOUNDED

Explosion in France Injures
American Officer's Arm
—Five Killed.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—Major General Leonard B. Wood and two other American officers were wounded and five French soldiers were killed yesterday by an accidental explosion somewhere in France.

General Pershing reported the incident to the War Department in a brief cable dispatch which discloses none of the details of the accident nor the place where it occurred. The War Department issued the following statement:

"A cable dispatch from the headquarters of General Pershing, just received, states that an accidental explosion, occurring today, killed five French soldiers and injured Major General Leonard Wood slightly in the arm. Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Kilbourne in the eye and Major Kenyon A. Joyce in the arm."

General Pershing also reported the wounding in action of five infantrymen of the expeditionary forces. No details of the battle were given.

General Wood, with Lieutenant Colonel Kilbourne and Major Joyce, who are members of his staff, has been in France for several weeks on a tour of inspection undertaken by direction of the War Department, which has adopted the policy of sending general officers of the Americans abroad from time to time to familiarize themselves with the problems of modern warfare as carried on in Europe. A number of divisional commanders have gone abroad and returned after a period of observation, during which they have made a study of the methods of training and tactical practices of the French and British armies.

It has been the custom of American officers to make a study of all phases of the military operations on the western front at first hand. They have observed the work of the British and French organizations from the handling and distribution of supplies back of the lines to the actual fighting in the trenches.

PART OF STATE WITHOUT FUEL
Crossley to Divert Coal Shipments to
Southeast.

By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—State Fuel Administrator Crossley today gave orders that as much coal as can be spared be diverted to Southeast Missouri. Several towns in that section are short of fuel.

Appointed to Annapolis.

James H. Dorsey, a freshman in the University, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dorsey, 1215 East Broadway, was notified today by Senator William J. Stone that he had been appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. The letter did not state when he would be expected to enter the school. Dorsey is 19 years old.

Miss Frances St. Clair Weds.

Miss Frances St. Clair, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Sinclair, was married to Karl Marsh of the dairy experiment station of the College of Agriculture at her home at 8:30 o'clock last night by her father. Only a few friends and relatives were present for the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh will live in Columbia.

TEACHERS CALLED ON
TO AID DRAFT WORK

Will Index Questionnaires
of Drafted Men in
Classes 1 and 2.

WILL START MONDAY
Registered Men to Be Put in
Groups According to
Their Training.

The school teachers of Boone County have been drafted by the Government to classify the questionnaires recently filled out in accordance with the Selective Service Act, according to a letter from President Wilson received today by George T. Porter, county superintendent of schools. The teachers will start next Monday, working in shifts of ten to twelve men. A week will probably be required for the work, Harry Jacks, clerk of the local draft board, said this afternoon. Mr. Porter will have charge of the work.

The men in the first and second classes will be grouped first according to their training. Such grouping will facilitate work when calls are made for special classes, as when the Government asked recently for bricklayers for immediate service.

The lawyers and physicians of the county were called upon in the same way to help out in the draft work.

STARTS FIRE IN CELL

Smith White, Negro, Almost Suffocates in County Jail.

Smith White, a negro held in the county jail waiting trial in the January term of the Circuit Court for first degree murder, set fire to the bedding of his cell at 1 o'clock this morning and almost suffocated himself and cellmate, Frank Lawson, a negro, before they could be rescued by Sheriff T. Fred Whitesides.

Sheriff Whitesides was awakened by the cries of the other prisoners who had been awakened by the smoke. He rushed through the smoke and found White and Lawson lying on the floor of the cell, unconscious from the smoke. He dragged them out and later sent White to the city jail. Lawson was injured more than White, who was not able to appear for trial before Judge Harris this morning.

The sheriff and his men tried to put out the fire with water, but it was necessary to call the fire department. Outside of the burning of the bed clothes, little other damage was done. This fire follows closely upon the three jail escapes of Francis Brannham and Irby Conley, who are still at large after breaking from their stone cell about ten days ago.

READY FOR ALIEN REGISTRATION
Chief Whitesides Receives Blanks
and Instructions.

J. L. Whitesides, chief of police, this morning received from W. A. Shelton, United States marshal at Kansas City, a number of registration affidavits and other blanks for use in the registration of German alien enemies, which begins next Monday. Among the supplies received are 100 suggestions and instructions to registrants, which may be obtained by registrants from the chief of police.

The United States marshal calls special attention to the fact that in the registration no fees are to be charged or gratuities accepted from any registrant for administering oaths or for any other reason. The marshal also calls attention to the regulations governing the registration, which provide that "all registration officers are reminded that many registrants will need assistance and advice in filling out their registration affidavits, and they are requested to aid such persons in every proper way. Registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil disposition and the registration officers are urged to deal with them in a courteous and friendly manner."

ASKS MUSIC FOR SOLDIERS

Harshe Circle of Baptist Church Will
Send It to Texas Camp.

The Harshe Circle of the Baptist Church has taken up the suggestion of Russell Monroe, formerly assistant University publisher and now editor of a Y. M. C. A. paper at San Antonio, Tex., to send sheet music to the soldiers stationed there. Miss Bess H. Hawkins, at the Stephens Publishing Company, will collect the music and send it to the camp.

Miss Hawkins said today that she thought that many of the fraternities and sororities of the University had a great deal of sheet music that they had become tired of but which the soldiers would be glad to get. These and all others who can be asked to help out in this movement.

Returns From Denver Stock Show.

L. A. Weaver, assistant professor of animal husbandry has returned from Denver, Col., where he went to judge breeding and fat hogs at the National Western Stock Show. A Duroc Jersey breeder, sold to a Denver man by R. L. Hill of Columbia last fall, was senior champion boar at this show.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight, temperature near zero. Continued cold Tuesday.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be near zero west and north; about 5 to 8 above zero east and south.

Mor. Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight except extreme west portion.

Weather Conditions.
The low pressure that was central in the southern Plains Saturday, being somewhat handicapped by a secondary development in its southwestern quadrant, traveled slowly eastward and this morning stretches from the lower Mississippi northeast to the St. Lawrence. This slow movement worked to our advantage as the cold wave was held up somewhat, giving it time to moderate to some extent. The crest of the cold wave will cross the Mississippi tonight, resulting in temperatures of about zero but probably not much lower in the middle western grain states.

Snow, ranging in depths from 3 to 6 inches, fell yesterday and last night in Missouri and adjoining states; and continues this morning northeast up the Ohio.

In Columbia fair and rather cold weather will continue for the next two or three days.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 14 and the lowest last night was 10. Precipitation, 0.21 inch; relative humidity noon yesterday, 89 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 41 and the lowest 16. Precipitation, 0.00. The sun rose today, 7:39 a. m. Sun sets, 5:25 p. m. Moon rises at 6:15 p. m.

The Temperatures Today:

7 a. m.	14	11 a. m.	13
8 a. m.	10	12 noon	14
9 a. m.	7	1 p. m.	15
10 a. m.	12	2 p. m.	16

NEW RATIONS FEB. 15

Food Regulations Will Not
Go Into Effect for Two
Weeks.

All the new regulations and rules of the Food Administration governing sales of wheat will become effective in Missouri February 1, with one exception, F. B. Mumford, state food administrator, said today.

Because of the congestion of freight traffic now and the difficulty of obtaining a sufficient amount of other cereals immediately, the housewife in Missouri will not be required to buy a pound of some other cereal with every pound of wheat flour until after February 15. Until that time the required proportion will be seventy-five per cent wheat flour and twenty-five per cent of other cereals, such as corn meal, corn starch, corn flour, hominy, grits, barley flour, rice flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soybean flour or feterita, flours, and meals. The housewife may use these products separately in making breads, cakes and pastry, or she may mix them as she desires.

To prevent the hoarding of flour as a result of the President's proclamation in regard to the restricted use of wheat flour, F. B. Mumford, federal food administrator for Missouri, announced today the ruling in regard to the quantity sales of flour will be rigidly enforced in this state.

Sales of flour by retailers or millers or other dealers in towns or cities to individual consumers shall not exceed one-eighth or one quarter barrel quantities, the ruling specifies. In rural communities no more than one quarter or one-half barrels may be sold at a time.

The gross maximum profit for wholesale dealers in flour should not exceed from fifty to seventy-five cents a barrel, Dean Mumford also announced. The profit exacted by retail dealers in original mill packages should not exceed from 80 cents to \$1.20 a barrel, depending on the character of the service performed.

"Where retailers sell in amounts less than the original mill package the gross profit should not exceed one cent a pound. Any profits in excess of these or in excess of the profit obtained in prewar times will be considered a cause for investigation. Substitutes for wheat flour should be sold for not more than a reasonable advance over the actual purchase price of the particular goods sold," said Dean Mumford.

REVOLUTION IN FINLAND

Sharp Fighting Reported to Be in Progress at Viborg.

By Associated Press.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28.—The long-threatened revolution in Finland is proceeding in the eastern provinces, according to scanty reports received here. The railway station at Hel-singfors is reported occupied by the Russian Red Guards, and sharp fighting is going on at Viborg. Russian soldiers are aiding the Red Guards, and reinforcements from Petrograd are expected.

R. H. Gray Into Office Today.

The postmastership of Columbia was transferred this morning when R. H. Gray, temporary postmaster, took the place of J. H. Gultar, whose resignation was announced from Washington two weeks ago. Yesterday was spent in making the final inventory of the office.

Allows Costs for Inquests.

The County Court today allowed the costs for the inquests of Edward Perrine, the miner who was killed last week by a dislodged rock in the mine of George Barkwell, and George B. Rader, who ended his life in Centralia recently.

HALF A MILLION MEN
AT THE FRONT SOON

Three Times That Many
Ready to Go This Year,
Says Mr. Baker.

BIG WORK THERE
War Secretary Describes Operations
Conducted Abroad
on a Large Scale.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—"We will have in France 500,000 men early this year," Secretary Baker today told the Senate Military Committee. Secretary Baker said the United States would have one and a half million more ready to go this year. He described how great American railroad systems, one 600 miles long ports, terminals, supply warehouses and other facilities on an enormous scale have been built for the Army in France.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Secretary Baker today replied to Senator Chamberlain's charges of inefficiency in the War Department at a public hearing before the Senate Military Committee. The Secretary began making a verbal statement without manuscript.

At the outset the Secretary said that he thought much criticism came from the impatience of the American people "to do this great thing greatly." He conceded that in so great an enterprise it was important that there should not be "delays and shortcomings." The confidence of the country was necessary to tremendous efficiency.

The mistakes cited in Senator Chamberlain's speech Secretary Baker declared gave a disproportionate aspect. That there are more than a million men under arms in this country was the statement by Secretary Baker.

Describing the spirit of Army Officers, the Secretary said he had seen "strong, grizzled men turn away from his desk in tears" when they had found out they could not go to France, "where the glory of their profession lay," but must remain in Washington to press forward war preparations. There was no case of any officer who had not accepted his duty with his whole heart.

Some reports have not proved serious upon investigation but some had, in which case correction followed.

In the case of the body of an officer who died at an aviation training school being shipped home in a sheet, Secretary Baker said inquiries developed that the camp was in charge of a British aviation officer, who followed the British custom of sending bodies home unclothed. The man's clothes were shipped in a separate parcel. An American officer was then put in charge.

Defending the lack of Lewis machine guns, Secretary Baker reiterated that General Pershing does not want Lewis guns for the ground forces, but only for aviation.

Taking up Senator Chamberlain's attack on the Ordnance Bureau, Mr. Baker said that men's minds differed about the type of guns and about the quantity of them. He then disclosed that the decision to adopt the so-called rechambered Enfield rifle was reached late one night in his office at a conference attended by General Pershing, who was preparing to go to France; General Scott, chief of staff; General Bliss, assistant chief of staff; General Crozier, chief of ordnance; General Kuhn, then head of the War College, and several other staff officers who are "experts in rifles."

The American Springfield rifle is "admittedly the best military rifle developed by any country." When this decision was reached, there were in stock about 600,000 of them.

MANY KILLED IN WRECK!

Illinois Central Train Goes Into Ditch in Illinois.

By Associated Press.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 28.—An Illinois Central passenger train to Omaha went into the ditch at Granger this afternoon. All but one coach went down a steep embankment. It is believed that many passengers were killed.

21 NEW STUDENTS THIS FAR

No Figures Available Today on Total Registration.

Seventy-one new students had registered in the University at noon today, the registrar said this afternoon. No figures were available on the total registration.

Kenton England Visits Here.

Kenton England of Company F, Fourth Missouri National Guard, stationed at Camp Doniphan, spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John England, 1417 Rosemary lane.

Mrs. W. H. Willis Talks on Red Cross.

Mrs. W. H. Willis, head of the Red Cross of Boone County, spoke at the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at Christian College last night. She explained the work and aims of the Red Cross.